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PROMOTION OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to States to improve facilities for domestic and foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereon, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government is contemplating coordination with the States to draw a comprehensive State-wise plans for promotion of tourism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, during the 10th Five Year Plan the Central Government has assisted the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in the preparation of 20 Year Perspective Plans to ensure integrated development and promotion of tourism.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and promotion of tourism. During the 10th Five Year Plan the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 2012.02 crore for 1160 projects to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for promotion and development of tourism including improvement of facilities for tourists. Implementation of the projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of implementation and utilization of released central assistance from time to time.